

**Amendment No. 1 to HB0133**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 162**

**House Bill No. 133\***

By adding the following language between the caption and the enacting clause as a preamble:

WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes that in recognition and in honor of the American Indian heritage and tradition in Tennessee, many Tennessee educational institutions, both public and private, have elected to acknowledge admirable characteristics of American Indians and to reflect a positive outlook and recognition upon the contributions and the heritage of American Indians in Tennessee by the honor of selecting symbols, mascots, and names; and

WHEREAS, such symbols, mascots, and names are chosen in recognition of the area's heritage and to honor and respect the heritage of American Indians and their contributions to our citizens and our State; and

WHEREAS, over one hundred of Tennessee's schools currently use such symbols, mascots, and names, a testament to the importance this State's American Indian history continues to play in the daily lives of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the students of each school utilizing a American Indian symbol should have made available to them the history and heritage of the tribe from which that symbol is borrowed, so that they may better understand the honor inherent in each symbol; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly urges all schools, both public and private, which currently utilize American Indian symbols in the selection of their mascots or names to embark upon a study of the history and heritage of the tribe or tribes from which such symbols are derived, and to include such histories and heritages in their student handbooks for the purpose of edifying the students at such schools; now, therefore,